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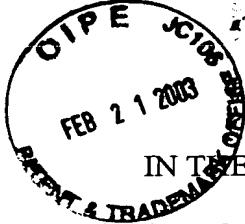
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 remain in the application. No new matter has been added by this amendment and no additional fees have been incurred by way of this amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 6-9, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hu US Patent 5,680,841. The Examiner further explains that the Hu reference teaches all of the limitations of the present invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiners rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and respectfully request withdrawal of the same. Applicants contend that the Hu reference does not teach all of the limitations of independent claims 1 and 9 of the present application. Specifically, the Hu reference does not teach or even suggest that the fluid system is used SOLELY for actuating the at least one subsystem positioned in the head assembly. Furthermore, the Hu reference even teaches contrary to this fact by stating in